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BIG PLANS FOR SCANDAPADES '69

BUD D'AMUR TO DIRECT SHOW

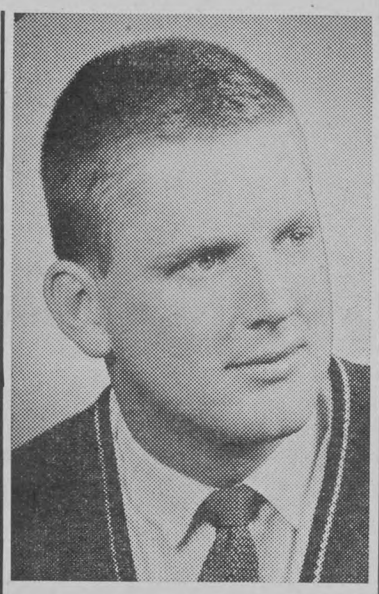
'Enthusiastic', 'imaginative', 'energetic' are a few of the words one could use to describe Bud D'Amur, the director for Scandapades '69. Bud's directive ability is well known to the cast of last year's Scandapades and to the large audience who enjoyed the colorful performance.

Bud, having accepted the challenge of directing another Scandapade show, has plans well underway for next season's show on February 9.

Mr. D'Amur has a long list of credits to attest to his theatrical talent. Bud can't recall just when he started in the theatre, because he's always had the 'acting bug'.

He stated "In Garneau High acting was encouraged and many of the people I went to high school with are in the theatre in Edmonton today." Bud has been associated with the Torches Theatre. Children's Theatre and the Civic Light Opera. He is well remembered for his club, the Yardbird suite, which ran successfully for 2 years, as a showcase for the performing arts.

Directing takes most of Bud's time now having finished the musical Bye, Bye Birdie for the Civic Musical Theatre in May and at present he's in rehearsal for the comedy Boeing-Boeing scheduled to open at the new Walterdale Playhouse in October.



One could not help but feel the excitement when plans for Scandapades were discussed with Mr. D'Amur. A new show, with new ideas but the Scandinavian culture still woven in.

CHILDHOOD DISCIPLINE ANTECEDENT TO WAR?

In an earlier article we discussed the growth of nationalism in children aged 6 to 9. Continuing in the same line of enquiry, a CPRI attitude study was administered to 122 school children to look for the efect, if any, of TV violence on war/peace attitudes, and of early childhood discipline on aggression later in life. Adult questionnaires had revealed that strict discipline (as recalled) was a factor in aggression; would the factor be repeated in the young, where memories were still fresh?

The results were confirmed. Among the children, seventh and eighth graders in both public and separate schools, it was found that strict, punitive, anxious, inconsistent and hypocritical discipline was associated with family discord, dislike of parents, and dislike of school. Family discord may be a key factor, contributing to the faulty discipline, which in turn contributes to the unfavourable attitudes towards parents and school. Children reporting this complex of family and school attitudes showed a lack of curiosity and responsibility, and were in general anxious and angry children. They were also more militaristic, nationalistic, and conservative in their politics, and more orthodox in their religious beliefs.

Discipline in the form of praise rather than criticism, on the other hand, was associated with confidence and responsibility and an international outlook in politics.

Canadian Peace Research Institute News Report.

SAS Accepts Woman As Pilot Trainee

MONTREAL — Scandinavian Airlines has accepted Turid Widero, a thirty-year-old Norwegian woman, as its first female pilot trainee.

The airline said that Miss Widero is one of 54 candidates who will undergo pilot training during the coming fall and winter. The other fifty-three are men.

Miss Wideroe passed her preliminary tests on equal terms with her male colleagues. With them, she will start three months of basic training in October and go on to other courses adjusted to the type of aircraft to which she will be assigned.

This fall's training program is designed mainly to turn out third pilots for the SAS DC-8 jet fleet. A course for second pilots on Convair Metropolitans may be added.

Miss Wideroe is already an experienced commercial pilot, flying Otter seaplanes for Wideroe Airways, a domestic Norwegian carrier founded by her father, Viggo, who is one of the pioneers of that country's aviation.

She started flying for the line in 1966 and early this year was appointed captain in its new twin Otter aircraft.

Wideroe's Flyveselskap A/S operates in North Norway and to the Lofoten Islands, performing both scheduled services and charter, ambulance and survey flights. Miss Wideroe is one of seven pilots employed by the line and has been flying in the command seat with male co-pilots.

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FOUNDING MEMBER OF SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE DIES

Vasa Lodge Skandia, number 549, mourns the loss of an active and well-loved member, Brother Mons Natanael Eliasson.

Mons was born in Anundsjö, Angermanland, Sweden in 1904. He came to Canada in 1923, settling near Hoadley before making his home in Edmonton. Mons married Margaret Melin in 1934. During his life, Mons was a very active member of the Locomotive Firemans Organization, the New Democratic Party, Vasa Lodge Skandia, and was one of the first directors for the Scandinavian Centre. Mons retired December 16, 1967 after forty years of service with the Canadian National Railways, 22 of which were as a locomotive engineer. Mons and Margaret moved to Vernon in January of this year.

On September 11, a fishing accident claimed his life. He leaves to mourn him, his wife Margaret; two sons, Leonard and Glen, both of Edmonton; five grandchildren; one brother, Edward of Lacombe; and one sister in Sweden.

The funeral service was held on Monday, September 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel. Pastor Leon Linquist officiated with interment taking place at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The Women's Auxiliary served coffee at the Scandinavian Centre following the interment.

SWEDEN RETURN SOCIALISTS

STOCKHOLM — The Social Democrats strengthened their 36-year grip on the Swedish parliament with a smashing election victory Sept. 15.

It was the biggest vote of confidence the party had won since the Second World War.

The outcome checked a trend to the right in Scandinavia. Both Norway and Denmark ousted socialist governments in the last two years in favor of non-socialist governments.

On the basis of computer calculations, the Social Democrats provisionally took 49 per cent of the vote and 125 of the 233 seats at stake in the lower house of parliament, a gain of 12 seats.

The combined opposition dropped seven seats to a total of 105, while the Communists retained only three of their eight seats.

This gave the Social Democrats a majority of 17 seats, their first since the war. In the last house, they had a working majority of nine because the eight Communists always voted with them.

Some slight rearrangement of seats could result from the estimated 300,000 mail votes. Although the computers were keyed to reflect them, the volume was at least 65 per cent above the 1964 total.

Premier Tage Erlander, architect of Sweden's welfare state and the party leader for the last 22 years said: "We have regained the confidence of the young voters and that is of decisive importance for the future."

EDMONTONIANS ENJOY NORWAY

Mina MacDonald, Karen Barber and Ragna Sivertsen report a wonderful vacation in Scandinavia. Ragna spent a good deal of her time on the west coast of Norway at Bergen, Lervikstord (home place of Masterhomn, Haugesund and Stavanger) with sisters and other relatives. She met Mina at Beite Stolen in beautiful Valdres, one weekend. Mina, whose parents came from Valdres, gave a farewell party for all her relatives in that part of the country. They had rommegrot and all the trimmings; young and old danced Springdans and all kinds of Valdres' dances. Among the musicians was Mina's uncle who played the Hardanger fiddle. The "Bunads" that the ladies wore were out of this world. Mrs. MacDonald was presented with a painting of the church where her parents were baptized. A lovely evening was had by all. Mina would recommend Beite Stolen as a nice place to stay for anyone visiting Norway. Karen and Mina went to the folkelora in Bergen where they entered into, as well as watched, the folkdancing.

Mrs. Edel Jacobsen sends greetings to all her friends. Mina, Ragna and Edel spent many lovely evenings together while in Oslo and had the opportunity of watching, on T.V., the 'Kronprince's' wedding at Domkirken and the dinner at the Palace.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

We are now printing 2800 copies of this paper each month and the number of new shareholders is going up steadily. The majority of these papers go to Edmonton and the surrounding area. We are always looking for additional advertizing, if you are in business, here is an opporutnity to reach a good cross-section of the people. And a note to all of you, please support our advertizers. If you require an item or a service check for it in the Scandinavian News first.

We always welcome cash contributions for the paper. If you feel inclined to donate a dollar or two, please send it to Mrs. Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Ave., Edmonton 63, Alberta. All donations will be acknowledged in the paper.

The board is anxious to hire a part time secretary but the response to our ads in this paper have been most disappointing. Surely we must have someone amongst our readers who could take on this interesting job. A chance to earn some money and work only four hours a day.

You will note in this issue, we have an article about Mrs. Jeffery of Marshall, Saskatchewan. This was sent to us by Mrs. Pratt, a free-lance writer from Saskatoon. If you can submit a story about an interesting person like this, please send it to the editor.

Everyone is enjoying the story 'Vikings of Amisk' more stories like this would be greatly appreciated.

Remember to listen to Sig Sorenson on Saturday mornings. If you have news suitable for him to broadcast, please call him with the details. This way all Scandinavians will get to hear it.

EDITORIAL

United Community Fund Campaign Under Way

When we talk about the heart of our city we are generally referring to the geographic downtown area in which vital organisms of government, business, and entertainment are concentrated. But there is another heart to the city — the Toronto Globe and Mail calls it the most important one — which generates warmth, compassion, understanding and generosity.

These are the human values that a large modern city must have it if is to defeat the threat of coldness and sterility among the tall buildings, and the paradox of loneliness in the midst of millions. These are the things, says the Globe, that drive the chill from the bones of the city; not skyscrapers, expressways, or subways.

Edmonton has a heart, a big heart, and we suggest that this is the true measure of its greatness. There could be no better time to reflect on this than now, as the united appeal moves into its third week.

It is easy to rationalize, in a superficial way, non-participation in this drive for funds; to regard the volunteer canvasser as just another in a series of door-to-door irritations; to argue that our own "needs" must come first. The record of our earlier campaigns indicates, however, that the people of this city dig readily and deeply into their pockets.

They may not know that their money will be shared by forty eight this year and they may not know a great deal about the operations of these agencies. But they know instinctively that they are a part of a community with a heart and they are proud of it. It is a spirit worth preserving.

FINNISH SOCIETY

Mrs. L. Soderberg of Oliver, B.C. was a recent visitor in the city.

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A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on Monday, Oct. 7th at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, 16112 - 104 Ave. All the members are cordially invited to attend.

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The date and time of the next dance will be announced later.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Sundstrom send greetings from Finland to all their friends in Edmonton.

Letter Of Thanks

Dear friends,

May we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to our relatives, the members of the Icelandic Society, and friends who were so kind, helpful and considerate, also for the many lovely floral tributes, cards, and messages of sympathy extended to us during our sad bereavement in the passing of our dear wife and mother, Sigrun Margaret Gislason.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Thora Orr and Mrs. Viola Wallbank, and to the friends and members of the Icelandic Society for their untiring help and the lovely lunch.

To the Rev. Sayers, Mrs. Hunt and the pallbearers a very special thank you.

God bless you all.

Gisli O. Gislason
and family.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

Dr. Jon Thorhallson, who has been a research associate with the Department of Chemistry University of Alberta for the past year, left for the University of British Columbia on September 12th. He will have the same position at U.B.C. as he held here.

A party for Jon and his wife, Hrefna, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arason and co-hosted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Roland on August 29th. A presentation was made to Dr. Thorhallson from the Saga Singers. Mrs. Minna Campbell composed a poem which she read when presenting the gift.

We wish them the best of luck in Vancouver.

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Our picnic was held on September 8th at Victoria Park. Like last year, corn on the cob was served and it was good! Mike Johnson won the ceramic ashtray which was raffled by the Saga Singers. This ashtray was made and donated by Walter Arason and it had the Nordurljos crest inset in the bottom.

One little man celebrated his first birthday by coming to the picnic, Dennis Olafson.

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Don't forget the dance on November 2nd in the Viking Room at the Centre. This is a joint venture with the Finnish Society. See the ad on the back page. Make it a point to attend.

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Birthday greetings to Mrs. Sadie Lee, Qualicum Beach, B.C., and Mrs. Bergros Pallsson, Dawson Creek, B.C., who celebrated their birthdays on August 25th. Other life members who celebrated birthdays are Mike Johnson, September 29th and Barney Eyford, September 30th.

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On the sick list we have Don Cameron who is recuperating at home after spending six weeks in University Hospital where he underwent major surgery. Also, Marion Arnason is back home after having surgery on her knee in the Royal Alex Hospital.

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Mrs. Pat St. Pierre died on August 28th after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband Paul and three children. Also her aunt and uncle, Art and Violet Arnfinson. We extend our deepest sympathy.

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Mr. G. O. Gislason spent a month at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Steve Kaplun of Athabasca. During his stay there he visited with members of his family and friends.

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Mr. Barney Eyford from Hay River was in Edmonton recently for treatments and on his return, stopped at Athabasca to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garnett of Sooke, B.C., were guests of Bob and Helen Bellman on September 25 and 26. Howard and Edna were enroute home after visiting Winnipeg and Fort William.

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Congratulations to Tom and Hulda Yelic on the arrival of Thomas Mark, born August 18th.

Mrs. Natti Gislason and her son Grant from Victoria visited Don and Mickey Shaw for two days recently.

Eggert and Jonina Borgford from Calgary visited Shaw's on the weekend of the picnic and accompanied them to the picnic.

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Mr. Lloyd Borgford who works for the Department of Transport at Norman Wells, N.W.T., has six weeks vacation coming and will spend part of it in California.

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Peter and Doreen Joachim visited Vancouver recently. Doreen spent six weeks at the Banff School of Fine Arts studying opera and advises that she really enjoyed the course. She was on CFRN-TV on Sept. 28th, hope you saw her.

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Mrs. Laura Thorlakson of Winnipeg visited her son and daughter-in-law, Barney and Jean Thorlakson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alafson went to Morden, Manitoba for their vacation.

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Mrs. Pauline Eyofson from Lundar, Manitoba recently visited her son David and family in Edmonton.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Borgford of Winnipeg spent two weeks with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joachim. They also spent a week with his brother in Calgary.

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Mrs. Thora Orr had her sister, Mrs. Johnson, from Haney, B.C. with her for one week. Her nephew, Ken Sigurdson and family from Winnipeg also visited here.

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The women's group of the Icelandic Society would like to have more members. If you would like to help, contact anyone in the Icelandic Society.

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The Saga Singers would also like some additional members. If you sing, join them. They are making plans to sing at various functions and are planning a trip to Markerville in April. For further information call Mrs. Ninna Campbell at 476-0482, she is the president of the Saga Singers.

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Misses Ruth, Vicki, Chris and Laurie Thor from Los Altos, California vacationed in Western Canada in September. They travelled the Hart Highway up to Dawson Creek then came down to Unity and Wilkie, Saskatchewan. They visited their cousin Gunnar Thorvaldson while in Edmonton then returned home via Jasper, Banff and Calgary.

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Some new comers to Edmonton are Ron and Elizabeth Arnason and baby daughter Rhonda. They moved here from Winnipeg where Ron completed his university education. He is employed by Pacific Petroleums.

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Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wirth of Winnipeg were in Edmonton for the Can-Am car races. While here they stayed with Mrs. Wirth's brother and sister-in-law, Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson.

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COOK BOOK

THE COOKING OF SCANDINAVIA, by Dale Brown and the Editors of TIME-LIFE BOOKS. Photographed by Richard Meek. (205 pp.) A volume in the Foods of the World series. With a companion booklet: Recipes: The Cooking of Scandinavia (Illustrations by Matt Greene) (91 pp.) Profusery illustrated with superb color photos, this handsome volume presents a wealth of valuable information about the culinary arts and customs in the Nordic countries — Contents: Introduction, by Hroar Dege, chef and director of the Norwegian Food Center, Oslo. (I) A Taste of Nature; (II) The Danes' National Pastime; (III) Norway's Elemental Foods; (IV) Sweden's Groaning Board; (V) A Return to Native Cookery; (VI) Aquavit: The Water of Life; (VII) The Vigorous Diet of Finland; (VIII) Baking Refined to a Fine Art; (IX) Christmas: Antidote to Darkness. (Appendix: Glossary, Recipe Index, General Index). The companion Recipe Booklet contains all of the 93 recpies printed in The Cooking of Scandinavia, plus 13 more. With recipe index in English as well as the Scandinavian languages. — Available from: Time-Life Books, 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611 ($4.95 plus postage).

PAINTINGS GIVE PLEASURE TO MANY

By FLORENCE PRATT

An eye for beauty and a latent, creative imagination hardly distinguished the child, Solveig Arnason, from other little girls in the pioneer Icelandic settlement near Leslie, Sask.

But there was a difference. The child grew up to become Solveig Arnason Jeffery, housewife extraordinary in what must surely be one of the neatest white houses set on precisely landscaped grounds in western Saskatchewan.

Solveig Arnason was born in Iceland and, with her parents, came in the early 1900's to make her home in the Leslie district along with the large group of Icelanders who pioneered on land stretching from Wynyard to Foam Lake and beyond in the newly created province of Saskatchewan.

When she grew older, Solveig met and married Ben Jeffery, son of a Barr colonist who had settled in the Marshall district near Lloydminster. Mr. Jeffery was a railroader and for many years the couple, with their two children, Blair and Arlene, made their home at Wilkie, Sask., a divisional point of the CPR.

There, while her husband was away so much of the time on his railroad runs, Mrs. Jeffery ran a novelty shop. "I wanted to paint pictures," she says, "but for years I was too busy with the shop, raising the children and keeping the home to follow this urge, but did knitting and crocheting instead. That does not take so much concentration."

Today Mr. Jeffery has retired from the railroad. The couple have taken up residence on oil rich land about four miles south-west of Marshall, "where we live in semi-retirement. Things are easier, the children are away and I have time, at last, to pursue my hobbies," says Solveig Jeffery. Chief of these is oil painting.

Largely selft-taught, for the past few winters, Mrs. Jeffery has been making weekly trips to Lloydminster where she is a member of an art class taught by Lindsey Evans. "He believes we should exhibit our work," she says. She has exhibited at fairs in Lloydminster, Vermilion and Edmonton, winning several awards. Many of her paintings have been purchased and hang on walls scattered across the western prairies. Recently she has become interested in abstracts and "I intend to try some this winter," she says.

One of her most striking works is a small, semi-abstract oil depicting rugged, iron streaked rocks, risink like a wall from the seas of her native Iceland. Cascading madly over the rock, sparkling water spills into the waiting sea below. But her husband and most of her friends prefer her pictorial, pastoral scenes of trees and sweeping green fields.

There are other hobbies, all filling the too short days of this energetic, wiry woman with the discerning eye and friendly, welcoming heart. She loves to garden and the well cut lawns and trimmed hedges, along with a corner garden rockery testify to her skill in this respect. Her fame as a cook has spread well beyond the neat little home, where she has introduced many novel ideas which are both decorative and practical. Several of her articles on pioneer days have been published and also several lyrics she has set to imaginative little tunes. "They are not hit parade material, but occasionally I hear of them being sung and played. If they give a little pleasure, I am happy," she says.

"Giving a little pleasure," surely, is what Solveig Jeffery's hobbies and her home have done. A simple achievement, but one of infinite value in an age so beset with confusion, haste and worry. Solveig Jeffery and others like her carrying on the daily task and doing that little bit extra, have helped to build this province; helped, more than they know, to point the way to greater things to come.

Mrs. Jefferey with some of her paintings

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

COMING EVENTS

October 12, Saturday — Leif Erickson Celebration.
November 9, Saturday — International Night.
November 23, Saturday — Lutefisk Supper.

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Solglyt is proud ot announce and congratulate Mr. Knut Svidal on becoming one of the directors of the Supreme Lodge at the Supreme Lodge convention held in Minneapolis in August.

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Mr. Don Snisrud was united in marriage to Miss Judith Brese on August 17th. They will make their home in Lamont where Don is on the teaching staff. Congratulations and best wishes.

Irene Lagergren and Betty Sandahl, travelling via Roger's Pass, holidayed in Vancouver visiting with friends and relatives. While on the west coast they visited Paula and Karre Froyland of Victoria who are building a new home there. They send greetings to friends in Edmonton. On their return trip they spent a week holidaying at Penticton. In Penticton they visited Sigvold Arneberg and Thorman Hilde, attending a surprise birthday party for Thorman the evening they arrived. They send greetings to all their friends in the Edmonton and Camrose area.

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Mr. and Mrs. Syver Bekkestad of Oslo, Norway, formerly of Edmonton, have spent the summer visiting friends here and relatives in Vancouver.

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Congratulations go to Henry Venoases, president of B & H Homes Limited, on his success in capturing top honors in Edmonton's recent Home Parade '68. His wife, Lois, the interior designer of the home is to be congratulated on a job well done.

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Mrs. Ingrid Lagergren spent a week at Dawson Creek holidaying with a nephew and niece.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emeth Clark, Warren and Susan motored to Lang, Sask., recently to celebrate Gladys' parents' diamond wedding anniversary. Solglyt members wish the couple many happy years together.

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Our congratulations and best wishes to Rigmor Wibe on her marriage to Ken Short on September 6th.

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We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Nielsen was hospitalized but are pleased to report that she is now on the road to recovery.

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Our senior lodge meeting and harvest dance was held on Sept. 7 and although the crowd was not as large as usual everyone reported having a good time. Our thanks go to Min Strand and her helpers, Maisie Amdam, Louise Johnson, Hilda Oko and Leona Modalen for making the lunch, and to Isabelle and Nels Mjaatveit, Maxine Thomas and her husband for serving it.

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The junior lodge met September 11 to discuss future plans. They played bingo and had a lovely lunch provided by McBride's, Oyen's, Vanderpyle's and McNaughton's.

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Folk dancing resumed on September 8. There will be folk dancing every other Sunday. Eight of our dancers entertained the patient's from the psychiatric ward at the University Hospital on September 10. They were well received and were served a nice lunch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wibe were host and hostess for the Norwegian Language Club on September 9. Norwegian whist was enjoyed by all and a lovely lunch was served. This club meets the second Monday evening of every month.

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Walter, Eva and Ann Meyer enjoyed a very nice trip to California this summer. They wish to let their friends know that their new address is 10547 - 48 Street, phone 469-0573.

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Please phone in any news items you may have as it is impossible for the reporter to phone all the members.

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THE VIKINGS OF AMISK

THE LINDGREN FAMILY

Story told to E. Mellemstrand

by A. Lindgren

(3rd Installment)

John Lindgren was born in Oestersund, Sweden, in 1852. In 1881, he left for Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he married and lived for 25 years. He came to Amisk in 1906, and the homestead he chose was on section 22. This spot became the central point for his friends the Wallsten and Solbak brothers who had come with him by democrat from Daysland.

In 1906, Mr. Lindgren was already a senior citizen; a widower now with four stalwart sons: William, Oscar, Albert and Hiram, also a nephew, Axel Johnson. Later in 1907, he had with him two more nephews — Nels and Magnus of the same Johnson family. Because of his ability to read and write the English language as well as the Scandinavian, he was quickly adopted as the patriarch of ALL the Vikings that settled in the Amisk district.

Mr. Lindgren held many positions necessary for good guidance and leadership among the new settlers. In his extensive library, which he shared so generously, one could find books dealing with literature, history, science and religion. He did not believe in neglecting the intellectual and spiritual needs of man.

In the loft of his barn, Mr. Lindgren made provisions for public meetings. This barn loft was the community centre for Church and Sunday School, Council Meetings, or a basket social to raise funds for the first Amisk Church. This church, was built on a piece of land donated by him. A plot for a cemetery nearby, was also his gift. Through the guidance of Nels Johnson, ten men met here to organize a syndicate to raise the sum of $3,000.00 — a fantastic feat in those days. This money was for the purchase of a roan stallion (ROMANUS) shipped in from Belgium. Horses were badly needed, and many fine horses were raised from this noble steed. While in South Dakota, Nels had owned a fine stallion imported form England. The members of the first board of municipal councillors were elected here as well as the members of the first school board.

The first picnic in the district was on July 4, 1908. Early picnics were always held on July 4, for nearly all the settlers had come from the U.S.A. and the settlers still revered their popular president (Theodore Roosevelt). However, the good leadership of Sir Wilfred Laurier in Canada, was soon recognized, and July 1st became their day for celebrations. On the grounds outside the barn, there was space provided for sports activities. Albin Erickson, Simon Solbak and Anton Carlson were the charioteers in the ox-racing. Anton emerged the winner of this race, for some mischiefmaker 'sicced' a dog on the other animals, and they couldn't be stopped until they landed in Mr. Lindgren's oat field where they anticipated a nice, quiet feed! Simon, however, caught the greased pig. He sold this animal for $2.00. Some years later, the Albin Erickson's hosted the yearly picnics on their home grounds. After one severely cold long winter, the ice used for making ice-cream in July, was chopped out of a huge snow drift lodged in a bush nearby!

Mr. Lindgren's fondness for animals was well demonstrated when he walked to Hardisty to bring home the first two kittens for the district. These animals were put in a sack strapped to his back. On fording the river with his load, John stopped long enough to cool his aching feet, and to get some relief from the scratching, squirming prisoners on his back. How the darling kittens did panic though, when they were released at the homestead shack. The weird howling of the coyotes made them scamper up a tree for safety, and then, had to be rescued from that great height by Mr. Lindgren's agility in climbing the tall tree! The only peace and security for all concerned was to provide a box for them inside the house. Mr. L.'s Adam and Eve of the felines, could well be the nucleas of the entire cat population of Amisk today. The first settlers were asked to put in applications for cats well in advance, for there were many names on that waiting list.

Life was not easy for Mr. Lindgren, for he had to be both mother and father to his sons. He would discuss foreign affairs with them, and just as capably show them how to fix a piece of machinery, or doctor a sick cow or horse. He also tried to teach them the art of making butter or baking bread. This particular talent, however, didn't rub off easily on the boys.

The Hager family who lived in a tent near the Hardisty bridge were happy when Mr. Lindgren gave them the kind offer to share his home. When Mr. Hager left home to work on the bridges in Red and Hardisty, Mrs. Hager, her daughter Ellen and son Ernest found time to give the Lindgren house a good scrubbing; bake bread, wash and mend clothes, and to do all the tasks to make life easier for the five men.

Mr. Hager was a violinist, Mrs. Hager an excellent singer and harpist. Ellen was an organist, so entertainment was plentiful with this family in the circle. Ellen gave me my first music lesson on the organ. Number one was a Swedish ditty called "Gubben Noa". I played this with one hand, and still remember the 1st verse: Gubben Noa, Gubben Noa, var en heder's man. Ner han fal i pipa, borgjade han och lips — — I was happy when I could graduate to one in English. "Sweet Bunch of Daisies" — I can still play both of them and the English translation of Gubben Noa is: Old man Noah, Old man Noah, was a holy man. When he fell into a pipe, he did begin to gripe — —

Ellen recalls when in their drive from Camrose with Mr. and Mrs. Albin Erickson who were musicians also, that it was of prime importance their musical instruments were carefully tucked away. The long trek from Camrose by ox team was tedious and scorching in the hot sun. By day, a towel lying in a tin dish on top of the load would catch fire, and at night, water in that same basin would turn to ice. Mr. Hager's first homestead was in the town site of Amisk, but he didn't like the sandy soil there, so he moved to Rosyth for a few years. The family returned some years later to live at the lake near their friends, the Lindgren's, Erickson's and Wallsten's.

The first important development in the community for the pioneers, was the coming of the railroad. There was jubilation when the settlers saw the smoke of the first train. The pioneers knew now, there would be no more long walks from Hardisty for provisions. A storehouse for these was soon under construction. Mr. Lindgren hauled the first supply from Hardisty with horses — contents being: 5 sacks of flour, 3 prs. men's shoes, and a little sugar. The biggest and most precious sackful in the official cargo, was a generous supply of chewing tobacco for each settler!

The first grocery bill issued to Mr. Lindgren in 1910 has been carefully preserved by son Albert, who still lives on the original homestead at Amisk.

This new store also served as a post-office. The pioneers would walk for many miles to ask for a letter from a far-away sweetheart. It happened there were two bachelors with the same name — one a Norwegian, the other a Swede. The only way the postmaster could determine which man could rightfully claim the letter, was to have the disputers open the letter in his presence to see whether it was written in Norwegian or Swedish!

Four years later tragedy struck in this same store. Mr. Chivas, the second owner was shot and killed by an armed gunman. Mr. Chivas, also the acting mayor of the town, had been asked by the RCNWMP to apprehend three wanted men should they come to Amisk. The three suspects were found in the hotel opposite the store. Chivas, thinking the best way to hold them was to say: "I arrest you in the name of the law." A shot was heard, and the eye witnesses said his last words were — "They've shot me boys!" The three criminals hid in the heavy bush around Amisk for several days. Although all settlers were ordered to carry guns to help in the search for the men, their efforts were fruitless for the criminals travelled by night on foot.

In spite of this scare, Mr. Lindgren welcomed all strangers, and the Lindgren residence became a stopping off place for all weary travellers. It was here that Eric Sundstrom from Harvey, N. Dakota, stopped to get the location of his land near the lake and close to George Wallsten, who had been a neighbor of George's in the USA. It soon became known that Eric claimed to possess the rare gift of being able to witch for underground streams. The Amisk district was noted for its scarcity of drinking water, so the phenomena of discovering a good supply of water by means of a 'witcher' was not entirely ignored. Mr. Sundstrom used a forked willow twig. with the sharp end pointing skyward, he would stand over the spot where the settler wanted a well. If the stick dipped sharply there was an underground stream hiding there! However, most of the pioneers were doubtful about this self-proclaimed gift. When water was found, they usually decided that it was purely accidental, and that the art of water-witching fell into the same category as clairvoyancy.

There were five Cree Indian encampments by the lake. In those days, their marriage ceremonies were very simple. The principles involved, rubbed noses to show affection, this constituted the courting, then when the time came for the wedding ceremony, the prospective bride and groom held hands and jumped over a stick held by the chief. A tribal dance followed, and that was IT! Hence, today's common expression of 'jumping the stick' in reference to marriage.

These Indians were the friendly type and the poles from their teepees were a landmark for many years. Many relics of their early habitation have been found by the lakeside. On a hill on the Wallsten homestead, snares made from horsehair and suspended from willow hoops could be found for many years as this was the Indian's method of snaring prairie chickens.

A Cree Indian Princess married to a white man lived in a cabin near the Battle River just west of Amisk. She had several daughters as pretty as herself. Every one in the family played some musical instrument, and good cooking was another of the talents in this household. It took a very small excuse for all the eligible bachelors in the district to wend their way to the 'River!' In those days wild life provided the majority of the diet, so it took ingenuity to execute variety in the menu. It must have taken courage also to experiment in the eating of them, but these pioneers were quick to learn that if the animals feed on clean foods, their flesh was edible.

At banquets, beaver tails and buffalo tongues were regarded as delicacies, while the hump of a buffalo made delicious soup. A muskrat fried in buffalo marrow has gained the renowned title of Louisiana marsh rabbit, in one of News York's posh hotels, and this dish is not within the means of an ordinary tourist's budget!

No one seemed to know however, where an authentic recipe for these dishes could be obtained, so I was content in my knowledge that from this humble menu of the sturdy trappers and hunters of the early days came our well known reputation of today's 'western hospitality'!

Disraeli said: "To recognize one's ignorance is a step towards progress". As for myself, I have discovered that it is what one learns AFTER he is satisfied that he knows all, is what can sometimes be the bigest pay-off of all. Little had I visioned that after travelling 2000 miles into the Caribou country of Northern British Columbia would I accidently learn that a cook book called, Buckskin Cookery, containing recipes for wild game cooking can be purchased. I bought one, and it is now a treasured souvenir of my trip and it has also provided me with a happy ending in my research for these recipes! This cook book tells how to concoct a tasty dish from a coyote shank, how to make owl soup, gut sausage, and that the ground hog, which is of the same family as the gopher we have on the prairies, is delicious when barbecued. A fried rattlesnake is a rare treat!

A friend of mine — a very attractive red-haired Swedish girl named Maria, confirms that squirrel meat is the sweetest tasting meat on this side of heaven, and as a special favor to me in my recipe research she has given me her own method for preparing a moose nose. She also passed on the information that a moose nose can be cooked immediately after the animal has been bled, for IT doesn't need the cooling off period like the rest of the carcass. She says that when one is many miles from home in the wooded forests of the North and hungry, it doesn't take long to build a bonfire to burn off the hair. It takes a bit of patience however, to give it a period of soaking in salted water prior to cooking — this, Maria says removes the wild taste. Cook over a good, hot fire until very tender. The nose is then peeled — it is just as delicious as tongue. A moose nose can also be dried. I congratulated Maria for her ingenuity; she merely shrugged, this idea she said, is just one-tenth inspiration, and nine-tenths perspiration!

Although the heaviest influx of Viking settlers to Amisk occured before the first world war, a few arrived at the beginning of the big depression of the early '30's. It was a shocking blow to the district, when a tall strapping immigrant, disheartened apparently, by the terrible lack of employment in Canada, went beserk and killed his one time employer, a well-respected neighboring sheep-farmer. He also shot the hired cook, and made an attempt on the lives of two other hired men. When the RCMP arrived on the scene, they found the immigrant's body with a self-inflicted knife wound in his own throat. This case will go down in history as one of the district's worst tragedies.

John Lindgren's knowledge of science paid off handsomely in later years, for in 1932, his three sons: Oscar, Albert and Hiram, were the driving force behind the Amisk Gliding Club. The Club had two ranger: the C-2, named Rhon Ranger, was wire braced; while the other, the Challenger C-3 was strut braced — this one was re-named J.S.L. 80 in honor of their father's 80th birthday. Hiram took a wing picture of himself by pulling a string attached to a camera fastened at the back. This shot also shows an aerial view of Amisk for the glider's altitude was several hundred feet. For launching the glider, a car was used at first, later a winch. Hiram travelled to Elmira New York to compete in the International Championships, while there, he learned how to make a primary instrument for a primary glider. The altimeter consisted of a thermos bottle and a U-tube! Altitude was determined this way: when the bottle and tube were proportioned correctly, one counted the bubbles on the way up — one bubble per ten feet.

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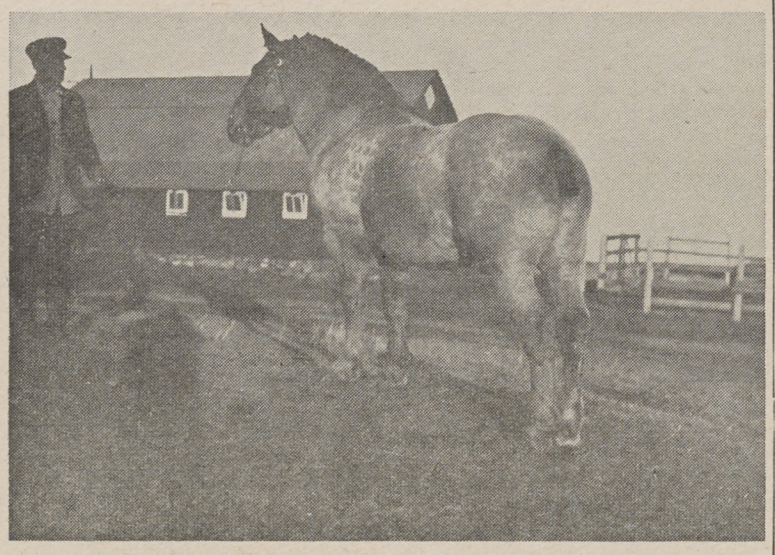
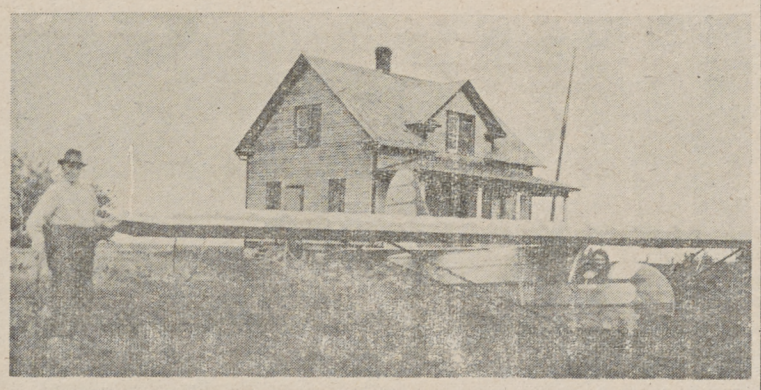
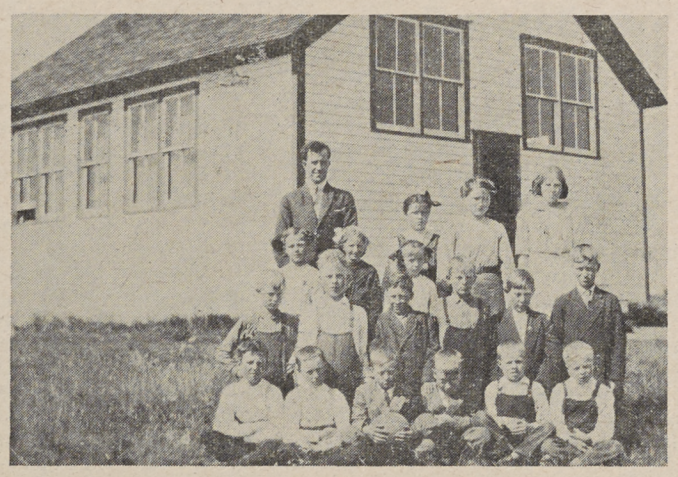


Mr. Nyberg holding a colt from ROMANUS



Machine built by Lindgren brothers and Howard Solbak, named JSL 80.



All Scandinavian School Class: From left to right are Mr. Kryderman (teacher) Tilda and Anna Wallsten, Alma Johnson. Ruth Carbol, Julia Johnson, Clara Carbol, Hiram Lindgren, Lars Noren, Otto Johnson, Albert Lindgren, Wilfred Carbol, Chris Rud. Oliver and Alfred Carbol, Axel and Peter Rud, Ed and Carl Noren.

"As I was going over the bridge the other day," said an Irishman, "I met Pat Hewins. 'Hewins! says I, 'how are you?'

" 'Pretty well, thank you, Donnelly," says he.

" 'Donnelly,' says I 'that's not my name.'

" 'Faith, then no more is mine Hewins.' "

"So with that we looked at each other agin, and sure enough it was nayther of us."

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Teacher — "Did your father help you with this problem?"

Willie — "No, I got it wrong myself."

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"Here young man, you shouldn't hit that boy when he is down."

"G'way! What do you think I got him down for."

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"Tell, me, Jimmie, do you ever peep through the keyhole when your sister and I are sitting here on the davenport alone?"

"Sometimes, when mother or sister Jane aren't looking."

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"And how much would you say this colt was worth?" asked the railroad claim-agent of the farmer.

"Not a cent less than $500!" emphatically declared the sturdy son of the soil.

"Pedigreed stock I suppose?"

"Well no,' the bereaved admitted reluctantly. But you could never judge a colt like that by its parents."

"No," the attorney agreed dryly, "I've often noticed how crossing it with a locomotive will improve a breed!"

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A prosperous business man said that he did the town with one of town's biggest spenders — his wife.

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Agitated Caller — "I want something to quiet my nerves."

Lawyer — "But I'm not a doctor, I'm a lawyer."

"Yes, I know. I want a divorce."

About the only thing free of charge these days is a rundown battery.

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Driver: "I'm sorry, I ran over your pig Mister, but I'll be glad to replace it.

Farmer: "You can't. You ain't fat enough."

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A mouse was dancing badly on the top of a jar of nuts. Another mouse arrived on the scene and entranced, also began to cavort wildly. Soon, however, the second mouse stopped and asked the first mouse why they were dancing.

"Can't you read?" replied the first mouse, "It says, 'Twist to open.' "

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Joe: "Why did the moron go to the football game?"

Sam: "I don't know. Why?"

Joe: "Because he thought the quarterback was a refund."

ICELAND'S NEW PRESIDENT

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Icelandic President-elect Dr. Kristjan Eldjarn, who has taken office, is a quiet intellectual with a deep love of his tiny country's culture and independence and a fear that both may be swallowed up by the giant United States.

But Eldjarn's personal misgivings about the effect of American influence on the northern island nation will not be allowed to interfere with Iceland's stated policy of continued support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and cordial — if sometimes strained — relations with the United States.

For one thing, the office of president of Iceland does not lend itself to manipulation of foreign policy. For another, Eldjarn and the Icelandic people are more concerned with preservation of the country's national heritage and independence than with seeking a pivot position between opposing great powers or blocs.

This concern for Iceland's future led Eldjarn in the past to question membership in NATO and oppose the basing of N.S. military forces in the country. He subsequently withdrew his objections to support the Western alliance but still sees the American military presence at the Keflavik NATO base, 40 miles from here, as a potential threat both to Iceland's security and national heritage.

This position has occasionally led him to be dubbed as a leftist anti-American.

"If to be concerned for the safety and independence of your nation is to be left wing, and to fear a trans-atlantic cultural invasion is to be anti-American, then I suppose you can accuse Eldjarn of being both," said a conservative backer of the president-elect.

"But we chose this man not as a politician interested in his country for personal gain, but as an Icelander determined to keep Iceland's heritage intact.

"Eldjarn isn't interested in politics. He's an intellectual and historian who will lift the office of head of state out of the mire of party squabbles. With a man of his standing as president, Iceland need not fear for its future."

This fear of losing the national identity is very real among a nation of less than 200,000, whose isolation has kept the language virtually unchanged for 1,000 years, whose customs and family ties are as strong now as when the volcanic land was first settled, and whose livelihood is largely dependent on trade with larger wealthier nations.

National leaders fear that, as travel brings nations closer, foreign words will invade the language, changing it to the point where the sagas written centuries ago — now easy reading for everyone — will be read only by the experts.

Young people, intrigued by the glossy magazines and the lure of good money for easy work, will quit the Island for countries less barren and open to the elements.

The Minneapolis Tribune.

HENIE-ONSTAD CULTURAL CENTER

The Henie-Onstad Cultural Center, located at Hovikodden, some 7 miles west of Oslo, was opened by King Olav V Aug. 23. Among other notable guests were Rep. Bernt Ingvaldsen, First President of the Norwegian Parliament, and Church and Education Minister Kjell Bondevik. All told, there were some 650 Norwegian and foreign guests. The inauguration was covered by some 200 press and TV cameramen and nearly as many reporters.

A GIFT TO NORWAY

Built on a 35 acre site overlooking the Oslofjord, the Cultural Center has so far cost some 35 million kroner. It is a gift from Sonja Henie, Norway's famed "Ice Queen", and Niels Onstad, her shipowner husband. Besides financing the construction through establishment of the Sonja Henie and Niels Onstad Foundation, they have donated 110 paintings to the Center's art museum. Insured for about 30 million kroner, they are among the most valuable in the donors' private collection of 350 canvasses from the 20th century. In his opening address, the King said the Hoviken Cultural Center would stand as a monument to the are loving couple and their "incredible generosity."

The list of artists represented in the museum at Hovikodden begins, in alphabetical order, with Pierre Alechinsky and ends with Lam Wifrede. In between, there are such famous names as Jean Bazaine, Pierre Bonnard, Georges Braque, Maurice Esteve, Juan Gris, Paul Klee, Fernand Leger, Henri Matisse, Edward Munch, Joan Mire, Pablo Picasso, George Roualt, and Nicolas de Stael.

Architects Jan Eikvar and Svein-Erik Engebretsen have created a bold design for the Cultural Center in the shape of a chestnut leaf. The adminisration building forms the stem, from which the five main wings fan out over the terraced slope towards the fjord. The solid, windowless concrete walls are studded with colorful pebbles worn to a smooth sheen in the rivers and brooks of Telemark. The museum proper comprises three large exhibition halls for "Contemporary Art", "The Pioneers", and "Alternating Shows". There is a separate room for graphic art. In these halls, the light filters down from the ceiling, the walls are covered with off-white burlap, and the floors have dark wall-to-wall carpets. Sonja Henie's large collection of trophies and photographs from her long career as the world's foremost figure skater is displayed in a room with crimson velvet background.

MANY DELUX FACILITIES

The Center has a 150-seat restaurant with a big terrace leading down to an amphitheatre. Beyond this, a park of sculpture is being planned.

The central heating plant, located in the basement, features an ultra-efficient remote control system that insures perfect and constant temperature and humidity in all rooms. The basement also contains a sizable art library, special rooms for research workers, and a well equipped playroom where parents can leave their children while visitting the Cultural Center. A 100-seat auditorium, situated off the main entrance hall, can be used for lectures and concerts. It is equipped with all the electronic devices required to fuse light, sound and sight into a single are experience. On the opening day, Norwegian composer Arne Nordheim presented a tape recording of "Solitaire", an exercise in electronic music that he had been commissioned to write for the occasion.

Director Ole Henrik Moe, a versatile artist who has been pianist, art historian and art critic, emphasizes that Hovikodden is going to be more than a museum. In his words: "We visualize it as a real art center where many different forms of modern art can meet. We have 6,000 square meters of floor space, a quarter of which will serve as permanent exhibit rooms. Two or three of the smaller halls will be used for special purposes, the largest for concerts and theatrical performances. We are looking forward to introducing the most advanced modern art, music and drama presented by guest artists, lectures, and film shows. There will be a well stocked library for students of modern art. The Henie-Onstad Foundation will award fellowships for such studies."

BUFORD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coster of New Norway, Mr. Bill Germanick of Ferintook and Miss Margaret Berglund of Edberg were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Wurban one Sunday.

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Alf and Helga Hoyem had their Monaghan grandchildren from Edmonton with them for a holiday, also Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kerr and daughters of Peace River called in for a most enjoyable visit.

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Edgerton, Alberta visitors at the home of Lloyd and Angela Pearson were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krause and their daughter Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rylander motored to the Okanagan and on the way home stopped at Creston, B.C. to visit the Charlie Fulop family.

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Lillian and Stanley Zarowney spent a long week-end in Regina with Stan's brother Ted and his family.

Alice and Clare Evanson and daughters Elaine and Denise had a week's trip to Victoria and Spokane, Washington.

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A Knutson family reunion was held one Sunday in August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Erickson. The special occasion was a visit from Mrs. Gladys Simmons, their sister from West Hill near Toronto. Guests were Tillie's brother Clarence Knutson and his wife Ilene, her sister, Alice Mooney and husband Jack and two childhood school chums of the Knutson's Mrs. Beatrice McLeod and Mrs. Marion Walker all of Edmonton.

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Our District Master, Floyd Modin, his wife Peggy and his mother, Hilda Modin spent a holiday in the Okanagan. At Keremeos they visited the Fred Snedberg family (Peggy's sister) and at Enderby the Frank Mulin's. They also called on Mons and Margaret Eliasson bringing greetings to them from our Lodge.

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Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Jurdis Nacuk who is receiving therapy treatments on her hip at the Glen Rose Hospital in Edmonton.

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Bertha Falk had a most enjoyable three week's trip. She first visited her sister, Mrs. Aurore MacLennan at Grand Ben, Ontario, then on to visit aunts, uncles and cousins in Montreal. She returned home via Chicago, the Badlands and Black Hills in South Dakota and Yellowstone Park.

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Lillian Kromm, Dale Bostrom and Bill and Edna Pederson spent a week-end in Calgary the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don McIntyre. A highlight of the trip was dining in the recently completed Husky Tower.

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Raymond and Elsie Erickson spent a few days in Calgary and on the way home visited friends at Hanna, Coronation and at Castor visited Raymond's sister Violet, and her husband, Eddie Nystrom.

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It's back to school for our teachers, Carol Vaage and Victor Wold at Leduc; Alice Evanson, Mavis Hamilton and Elizabeth Wengberg at Thorsby. We hope you have a good school year.

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Emil and Tillie Kvarnberg were happy to have their granddaughter, Mrs. Judy Stillford and her son Ricky of California pay them a most welcome visit. Ricky is Emil and Tillies' first great-grandchild.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pederson whose son-in-law, the late Mr. Don Wuting, passed away recently in Santa Maria, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ole Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Erickson of Bruce spent a week-end visiting the Pearson and Modin families.

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Congratulations go out to Wanda Markstedt, Gladys Sandstrom, Lillian Zarowney, Florence Pearson and Doris Modin who captured several prizes for their exhibits at Calmar's Fair on August 24th. Gladys Sandstrom also received a trophy for being the Grand Aggregate winner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Zellent of Dawson Creek renewed acquaintances in and around Calmar.

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Visitors at the home of Irma Anderson have been her aunt Mrs. Daisy Swanson of Rimbey, her uncle Mr. John Erickson of Leduc and her friends Mr. and Mrs. Ted Whelan and family of Cynthia.

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Fred and Mavis Hamilton spent their holidays in Vaughan and Key Centre, Washington where Fred has many relatives.

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Frankie and Gerda Erickson visited their son, Ronald and family, near Warner, where Ronald will be teaching this year. From there they went to Great Falls, Montana and came home via Drumheller.

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Cheryl and Mike Hancar are receiving congratulation on the arrival of a son on Sept. 5th in the Leduc Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mrs. Lillian Kromm and Mr. John Hancar.

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Goody Pearson had her mother, Mrs. J. Bergo of Ardmore, spend a few weeks with her.

Elizabeth and Hans Wengberg have taken up residence at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake and hope to move into their home near Thorsby before too long.

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Avis Pearson is getting lots of horseshoe trophies to dust! Her husband Clair, with his partner Floyd Modin captured the trophies at Scandia's picnic, then at Glen Park Sports' Day Clair and his partner, Herman Snider, took the horseshoe trophies. With Leo Paquette for his partner they were the winners at Calmar Fair and a second prize of cash went to Eric Kvarnberg and Charlie Erickson. Congratulations to all.

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On Sept. 10th several of our lodge members attended two worthwhile ceremonies in Calmar. First lodge member and member of Calmar's Recreation Committee, Mrs. Kay Karbonik, gave a history of the forming of Woodland Park. Our District Master and Mayor of Calmar, Mr. Floyd Modin, cut the ribbon officially opening this park to the public.

Following this was the unveiling, by Lt. Gov. Grant McEwan, of the Cairn erected to the memory of the first settlers of the Calmar district. Calmar, as we all know, was named after Kalmar in Sweden.

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Grace and Bill Babiak have sold their farm and are now residing in Leduc. Good wishes go out to them and we hope they will be happy in their new surroundings.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA

VASA GLIMPSES

The September meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held Saturday September 7, in the Club House at Vasa Park. Chairman Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Signe Jonson of New Westminster was a visitor to the meeting.

Minnie Nelson, Grace Maxwell, and May Rushton were reported as having been sick.

The Alberta District Convention will be held at the Corona Hotel in Edmonton on June 21, and 22, 1969.

A letter from Lynne Gemeroy was read. She expressed her thanks for the gift of money, and said she was enjoying herself.

It is hoped that the Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Alberta in 1974. A 'Ways and Means' Committee has been set up under the leadership of Eric Pierre, and Linnea Lodge to look into the possibilities of hosting such an event.

The Land Committee has been asked to fix the fence at the south end of Vasa Park. In order to discourage traffic from using our roads as thoroughfares, 'No Trespassing' signs will be erected at the north and south ends of the property.

Fae Johnson has resigned as Assistant-Secretary as she will be leaving for England early in October. Joyce Hawkes will take over the post in October.

The Smorgasborg is fast approaching. October 26 is the date! Lennart Petersson is in charge of the arrangements. For further information see the ad in the Bulletin Board of this issue, or phone Len at 469-0259.

Betty Pearson expressed her thanks to all who helped at the Pot Luck Supper held prior to the meeting. Betty and Magnus organized us all into a whist-drive after the meeting, eight tables in all. The men's high score was a draw between Herman Nelson and Glen Eliasson. They cut cards for first prize, and Herman won. Men's low went to Emiel Weiss. Ladies' high was Mrs. B. Christianson, second Audrey Eliasson, and low Joan Petersson. A lovely lunch was served before cards by Mildred Weiss, and Hansine Pierre.

The next meeting will be held, Saturday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. New members will be received at this meeting, and following that, a Bavarian Night, hosted by Harold and Emma Krag.

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The Children's Club will be starting their fall activities on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre. All children ages 6-14, whose parents are Vasa Members will be welcome. For further information contact Carol McRae at 599-7149.

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Attention Curlers! Six sheets of ice are available this year. Curling will start Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sportex. Anyone interested in curling can contact Ken Banks at 424-1949.

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The Women's Auxiliary will hold their October meeting on Saturday, October 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ogren, 9015 - 91 St. A good attendance is hoped for as food for the Smorgasbord will be planned for this meeting.

Bill and Martha Kay with their daughter, Joyce, spent some time holidaying in British Columbia. They visited Bert and Ida McMillan while in Vancouver.

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Rita Pearson, and her brother Randy have been visiting friends in Vancouver.

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Svea Erickson has been visiting her daughter and family, Lulu, Harold, and Lisa Lundgren in their new home in Saskatoon.

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Recent visitors at the home of Magnus and Betty Pearson have been their daughters Mrs. Marjorie Corral, Mrs. Ela Skoog, and Mrs. Helen Riley.

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On Saturday, August 17, Lorraine Brey became the bride of John Hokanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hokanson. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the newly weds.

A surprise fiftieth birthday party was held August 17 at Vasa Park for Alice Johnson. A gift of a handbag and money were presented. Alice sends her thanks to all the gang at Vasa Park for the lovely gift and to the 'Young Seranaders'. Alice and Sig's daughter and son-in-law, Win and Wayne, were on hand for the celebration as were some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leeland of Vermilion.

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Mary Pearson has had Martha Hokanson visiting her at the Lake for eight weeks. Martha's brother, Alex Carlson and his wife Bertha, both from North Surrey, B.C. were also out at the Lake for a week. Lots of cards were played, and at one point the deck got so hot it had to be put in the freezer!

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Gust and Helga Johnson enjoyed a motor trip to Lethbridge, and Waterton Lakes.

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DANIA DOINGS

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All members of "DANIA" keep in mind October 30th for the Annual General Meeting held at the Scandinavian Centre at 8:00 p.m. After the meeting a film will be shown. Claus Jacobsen has a new film from the various function Dania has held during the year, maybe you will see yourself on film. Sandwishes and coffee will be served. Decide who you want to see as a director for the next year or two, then come with your vote, this is the only way to get the board you want. Don't stay at home, then afterwards come and tell us, that you would liked to have seen so and so on the board, that does no good. So remember the date — Wednesday, October 30th at 8:00 p.m. See you then.

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Bikuben's Ladies has been very busy making things in the last year and making ready for a Bazar at the Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre Mall, Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. The ladies will be glad to receive donation of articles and home cooking for this event. We are also selling tickets on a cross-stitch picture in a frame, beautiful (embroidered) coffee tablecloths, a baby doll all dressed up, and a $15.00 gift certificate. Please send your donations to Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Ave. or to any of BIKUBEN'S Ladies before Oct. 25th. Come and visit us at Bonnie Doon Saturday, Oct. 26th and see what the Ladies has accomplished. Our next meetings will be October 7th and 21st.

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We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Henning Christensen is still in the hospital, he has been there the last 2 months and last report was, that he would be there at least 2 weeks yet. Please visit him at the Glenrose, to cheer him up. We wish you a speedy recovery Henning. Let's see you home to attend to your business very soon.

DANISH CANADIAN CLUB IN RED DEER, ALBERTA

We would be happy to see some Edmonton people come down to enjoy themselves on Saturday, October 5th for our annual Harvest Banquet and Ball, Danish open-faced sandwishes will served, along with, (you know what belongs to this), that we can't say here. Every person can eat all he wants for $5.00, which includes the beverages and dance from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

Kindly phone any of the following numbers and order your tickets NO LATER THAN OCT. 1ST, or an extra fee of $1.00 will be added per person at the door.

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Bowling for the whole family at the Olympic Lanes, Red Deer at 8:00 p.m. This time there will be prizes for hidden scores for both adults and participating children.

The fee per adult is $1.75 which also includes coffee after.

The fee per child is $1.00 which includes cake and pop after bowling.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

Confirmation class; The confirmation class in the Danish church will begin Sunday, October the 13th at 9:45 a.m. in the church basement. The registration will be after the 6 p.m. service Sunday. At the registration the children must bring their baptism certificate. The confirmation will be the first Sunday in June, 1969.

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Swedes Reject Auto Domination

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — This city has taken a look at the mounting number of cars jamming its streets and decided it doesn't want to become a motorways — Sweden's version of freeways — to cut it to shreds.

"Stockholm has learned a lot from Los Angeles and other American cities," says a Swedish planner. "We're sure we don't want automobiles to become our masters and there's a limit to the motorways we'll build."

Stockholm, a lovely 700-year-old metropolis built on a cluster of islands and peninsulas, is making a heavy investment in rail rapid transit. Motorists, through gasoline and vehicle taxes, are footing most of the costs.

Subways — the tunnelbanan — and buses carry the bulk of the city's commuters but automobile traffic is growing daily.

For a city that recognizes the rewards of good planning, the urbanite Swede's penchant for his "beloved car" presents a disturbing problem.

BALANCE SOUGHT

An attempt is being made to balance public transit and private car use in metropolitan Stockholm. Currently the pendulum is heavily weighted toward public facilities, with 90 per cent of the city's commuters using the tunnelbanan, interurban rail lines and buses.

Stockholm's planners would like to maintain this balance, but some observers believe it is not possible in a cosmopolitan city which boasts one of Europe's highest standards of living.

Stockholm already has more vehicles per person than any other large European city — one for a family of four — and planning is geared to an eventual car for every 2.5 persons.

On that basis Stockholm would appear to be knuckling under to the automobile. But city planners deny it.

Some subtle measures — and others not so subtle, like closing some streets to cars — are being taken to restrict automobiles in the inner city, the governmental, business and cultural centre of Sweden.

MORE CARS

Indeed, provision is being made for more cars but only businessmen with brief calls to make or suburban matrons on mid-day shopping junkets will find it practical to drive downtown.

Public transit, Stockholm's planners are certain, will continue to provide the principal means of transportation for the 500,000 persons who enter the central business district each day.

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